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SCHOOL DAYS ARE NEAR

OPENING DATE WILL PROBABLY BE SEPTEMBER TWENTY.

New Course of Instruction May Be Introduced—One Additional Teacher in High School.

A new course of instruction will probably be instituted in the Dallas high school this fall with the establishment of a teacher's training school. Definite announcement has not been made as yet regarding the creation of the new studies, but from the enthusiasm with which the idea has been greeted it is practically certain that the course will be added to the curriculum. There is a constantly increasing enrollment in the high and grade schools, and with it comes a demand for a wider range of instruction. The teacher's course will be an especially valuable addition and will interest many young folks who have not the desire or the opportunity to pursue their studies through college or normal school in order to secure teaching positions. The course will fit students primarily for work in the grade schools of the county and state, and the studies will be directed by Prof. Walter I. Ford, city superintendent of schools, with the assistance of other high school instructors. A valuable addition to the high school teaching staff this year is Miss T. Owens, a Reed college graduate, who will have charge of the work in history and German. Miss Owens comes well recommended from the Portland institution, and with the personal recommendation of President W. T. Foster. All other teachers were at the school last year and include H. H. Dunkelberger, mathematics and principal; Otto C. Hart, manual training and bookkeeping; Maude A. MacDonal, sciences; Gladys Cartwright, English; Rose M. Sheridan, domestic science and art, and Gertrude Irwin, music. Professor Ford will personally supervise the work in both the high and grade school, and his ambition, which has been shown by his achievements in the past, will be toward maximum efficiency from teaching staff and students.

A number of important improvements have been made around the high school grounds and buildings. Outside, the result of several years of diligent agitation on the part of the superintendent and school board, showing itself in all its verdant beauty. It is the grass. At this time of year it is at its best, and, to the credit of those who are responsible for its existence, it is one of the prettiest and best kept lawns in the city. Inside the building the lavatories have been improved, and many little things and minor repair jobs are noticeable, and, as a whole, make a decided improvement. The building will be ready to accommodate an increased enrollment when the doors are opened on September 20. Last year there were 155 students in the high school department, and in an interview with The Observer Professor Ford placed his estimate for the coming year at about 170. The greatest increase in student population of the city has been in the high school in the last few years, and is accounted for by the lack of such schools in the smaller towns near Dallas, and by the ever increasing tendency on the part of young people to gain the greatest possible knowledge. This last is borne out, too, by the increasing number of collegiate matriculations from Dallas and Polk county. Teachers contracts call for a report in person, prepared for duty, on September 20, although at this time the school board has not officially set that date for the opening. So many young people and school children spend the early weeks of September in the hop fields that the board usually determines the end of the hop harvest before making official announcement of the opening date for the schools.

In the grade school there still remains a vacancy in the teaching force, but all other teachers are those who had the positions last year. The vacancy is in the third grade, or, at the option of the board, in the fifth grade. The eleven teachers who have signed contracts for the grade school work are Miss Ruth Nunn, Miss Cora Rossiter, Mrs. K. N. Wood, Mrs. Bonnie Smith, Miss Alta Savage, Miss Edna Morrison, Mrs. Emma Jost, Mrs. Edith Plank, Miss Alice Grant, Miss Nola Coad and Mrs. F. H. Morrison. The grade school building has also been improved during the summer. New fireboxes have been built in the furnaces, meaning practically new furnaces, and many little repairs and refinements are in place. On the outside a part of the playground has been filled in and leveled with gravel and overlaid with sand. This materially improves the condition of the playground and will be thankfully received by the youngsters when they return to their desks this fall. The playground apparatus that the board had hoped to install has not been purchased, and is regrettable. The children should be provided with swings, ladders, trapeze bars, slides and hor-

zontal bars, and the superintendent desires to install this equipment, which is a feature of all school and public playgrounds in the larger cities and most of the small ones in the state, as soon as money is appropriated for its purchase.

The total population of the high and grade schools last year was 731. Of this number 155 were in the high school. The usual annual increase is approximately 15 per cent, of which the greater part is in the high school department. At any rate the attendance this year should be nearly 800, including both schools.

Those connected with educational administration in the city who deserve commendation for their work, especially in the careful and effective use of school funds, are the members of the school board, R. L. Chapman, chairman; Dr. B. H. McCallon, Mrs. Ora Cosper, Mrs. Riley Craven and C. J. Coad, and City Superintendent Walter I. Ford and Tracy Staats, clerk of the school board. The combined efforts of this group of workers this year will put scholastic affairs in Dallas on a still higher plane of efficiency than they have been on in the many successful years of the city's school history, during which Dallas institutions have sent into business, civic and social life some of the state's most influential citizens and hardest workers. May the footsteps left on the sands of time by these men prove guiding marks of progress for the young people who will enter high school this year, and for those who are now in the grade school who will later find themselves at more advanced doors.

HARVEST RECORDED SINCE 1880

Guesses and Estimates Make Year's Yield Look Large and Small.

The first recorded hop harvest in the state of Oregon was that of 1880, soon after the first hops were planted on the fertile lands along the Willamette river. The crop that year amounted to only 1935 bales. That is quite a contrast to the yield in 1906, just twenty-two years later, when 160,000 bales were harvested. The largest crop in the history of the hop industry in this state was picked in 1906. Between 1880 and 1915 the hop crop has advanced steadily in quantity and quality, although, like any other growing thing it has varied from year to year. For instance, in 1883 the harvest amounted to 4664 bales and the following year 10,902 bales were packed. In 1885 the crop was reduced again to 7309 bales. During the first five years of the hop industry in Oregon the crop increased tenfold, and in the following five years it increased only a very little over 50 per cent. In 1893 the crop was 37,200 bales and by the next year had just exactly doubled. From that time on until 1910 the harvest went up and down, due to many conditions. It reached the maximum yield in 1906 when 160,000 bales were harvested, but within three years had fallen to 88,500 bales again. The closest approach to the crop record was made in 1913, when 152,000 bales were harvested. Last year the harvest was 122,000 bales, and the yield of the present year is most aptly represented by a large question mark. Many hop authorities, both growers and buyers, have estimated the 1915 harvest at various figures, some of which are seriously questioned by the growers in Polk county. One judge says the crop will amount to as much as 175,000 bales, while more conservative estimators bring it down as low as 95,000 bales. It will be purely a matter of opinion, therefore, until the entire crop is harvested and its total given out by the growers.

Many Deputies on Duty.

In addition to the regular police force, Independence has thirteen deputy sheriffs on duty during the hopping season, a sufficient number of qualified officers to quell a riot. Sheriff Orr made the additional appointments on Saturday, the purpose being to apprehend individuals guilty of misdemeanors with neatness and dispatch. Hop picking began in some of the Independence yards today, and there are many pickers on the ground, but the harvest will not be well under way until later in the week.

Licensed to Wed.

A marriage license was issued on Saturday by County Clerk Robinson to Albert Cox, age 23, and Grace Borynska, age 21, of Independence. The party motored from Independence. William C. Wood, age 27, secured a license at the county clerk's office to marry Queen A. E. Dickinson, age 20. The young couple came from Independence.

Silver Penetrates Foot.

Little Alida Dennis, daughter of W. C. Dennis of Perrydale, was treated at the Dallas hospital on Friday for a badly infected foot. Dr. Starbuck had to lance the injury, which was the result of the penetration of a large silver.

Youth Meets With Accident.

Darrell Schultz, young son of Orville E. Schultz, is nursing a thumb which was all but severed on Saturday morning, when the little chap bit the member with the business end of an axe. Several stitches were put into the thumb to prevent its loss.

\$19,000 FOR STREETS

IMPROVEMENT COVERS TWENTY-ONE BLOCKS.

Municipality Plans Completing Entire Construction During the Present Season—Street Betterments.

More than twice as much improvement has been completed and is now under way in the city than was done last year. The expenditure will be correspondingly large. Last year the cost of street improvement, which was confined to curbing and macadamizing, was \$7067.22, of which approximately \$1236.43 was expended on curbing. Eight blocks were improved as compared with 21½ blocks which have been improved or are under way this year. Although it is difficult to determine costs before the end of the year, when the total of all warrants and claims have been figured up, Auditor Gregory estimates that the cost to property owners for improvements now being carried on will be about \$800 a block. This is figuring on an average, as some of the blocks are 300 feet long while others are twice that length. On some streets, too, curbs have already been built, or curb will be built on only one side of the street, and home streets are only 25 feet wide while others are double that width. Figuring with the cost of the work last year as a basis the city auditor's estimate should be very nearly correct. The work will cost more than \$800 a block, but the city bears part of the expense. The cost of constructing street intersections, cross-walks and extending the curb beyond property lines is paid by the municipality. The average cost last year was \$883.40 for each of the eight blocks. On the same basis this year the total cost will be nearly \$19,000.00.

Of the 21½ blocks of macadam pavement being constructed this year part is on each of ten streets, including Uglow avenue, Academy, Church, Robb, Lovens, Ash, Birch, Court, Clay and Hayter streets. Most of this work will be completed this year if plans of the street commissioner work out, and all will be done, if possible, before the rainy season sets in. Later in the year City Auditor Gregory will prepare an accurate cost sheet covering the street work and segregating the various charges under their proper headings.

A. J. LUCE DIES IN EAST

HOP DEALER MADE WEALTHY IN OREGON PASSES AT 68.

Advantage Taken of Rising Market and Profits Large but Venture in Canada Failure.

Word has been received from Oneida, N. Y., of the death at that place on August 5 of A. J. Luce, known by all hopgrowers and dealers of the Pacific coast as "Pop" Luce. He operated in this state for a number of years and made several fortunes in Oregon hops. In 1880, when hops went to a high price, Mr. Luce's Oregon purchases made him a rich man. He bought a section of land in Canada and set out a great hopyard, spending about \$125,000 on the venture. All of this he lost in a reverse of the market.

Beginning again as a poor man, he returned to Portland in 1886 and opening an office there acted as a dealer for several years. Later he invested in a large number of three-year contracts with Oregon growers and the rising markets of 1901, 1902 and 1903 brought him wealth. Unlike most speculators, he knew when to quit. Closing up his affairs here, he returned to his old home in Oneida, where he invested his money in business property and spent the remainder of his days in ease. Mr. Luce was about 68 years old. A widow survives him.

Automobile Increase in State.

Three years ago the highest auto license number in Oregon was under 7000; now it is not much under 22,000, says the Eugene Guard. The purchase of an average of 500 new cars a year during this three year period has been a tremendous strain on the cash in hand of Oregon. Such an outlay during a period when cash has been scarce since the late nineties is the surest sign of the practical value of the motor car. The article that makes its way during adversity has become a necessity and is not a luxury.

Matters Badly Mixed.

The caption to the article, from the Portland Journal, relating to the pioneer life of Frank Collins was somewhat "mixed" in The Observer of Friday by the use of a "head" prepared for a story about Mrs. Alice Dempsey, which will appear in these columns next Friday.

HOME CREDITS POPULAR

PARENTS OF POLK COUNTY DEMAND FOR SYSTEM.

School Pupils, Too, Eager to Get Recognition for Work Accomplished at Home After Hours.

The home credit system as an incentive to more and better work outside of the schoolroom will be continued in the schools of Polk county during the coming year on the parents' own demand. Pupils have accomplished so much in the household and on the farm during the past year, when home credits were shaped to meet changing conditions, that their parents have given final indorsement to the system.

Under the plan the school principal keeps a set of books. Pupils do work at home. They bring to school their own message of what they have done. The work is credited to them. At first a parent's statement of accomplishments was required, but as the system became firmly established the messages were entrusted to the pupils themselves.

Credit is given for milking cows, sweeping the house, cooking, sleeping with open windows, as well as for care of teeth, hair, etc. Credit is given, too, to pupils who walk more than a mile and a half to school. One of the results has been a higher attendance record. In the Fairview district, where the work has been carried for four years, the school started with an average of 94 per cent and ended last year with an average of 98.5.

Ten Acres Make Big Yield.

The best yield of small grain in Benton county is believed to have come from 10½ acres farmed by Walter N. Locke, five miles north of Corvallis. Mr. Locke threshed 1134 bushels of oats, a net yield of 108 bushels an acre. The land on which the oats were grown was homesteaded by Mr. Locke's grandfather in 1847. A few years ago, after the farm had "run down," Mr. Locke brought the land back by means of clover and rotation of crops.

MAKE UNIQUE EXHIBIT

INDIAN FAIR ON SILETZ RESERVATION ATTRACTIVE.

Indian Handiwork Dug From Ancient Graves For Display at Redmen's First Fair, Last Week.

"The Indian fair at Siletz last week was a truly wonderful exhibit," said Lawyer Toose upon his return from that locality on Monday. "Barbaric implements, manufactured articles of an uncivilized people, together with rare specimens of handiwork, some of which was exhumed from the graves of grandparents and great grandparents, and agricultural products formed the greater part of show. Sun-dried fish, arrows in quivers made of the skins of wild animals tanned in a manner to create envy among modern furriers; Indian trunks of skin painted in a design selected by the tribe from paints made of the prime colors; cono sticks for the game our hockey comes from and nudi duth sticks, for a woman's game from which schoolboys get their dog and cat, aroused interest. There were Indian tom-toms or drums made of skins and gambling sticks, and hundreds of other interesting things best told by the Oregonian correspondent on the ground in the following letter to his paper:

"There are 426 Indians on the Siletz reservation, and about 80 of these, representing both sexes of various ages, entered their products. The Indians managed everything themselves. Walter S. Hall of Siletz, president of the fair, was the only white man on the committee. In the opening exercises John Adams, an Indian preacher, led a prayer in Chinook jargon, there being 28 different tribes and eight distinct languages. Mr. Hall gave the address of welcome. Chief John Williams delivered an eloquent oration, eulogizing the Indians in a manner that brought tears and applause; Dr. Leo J. Frachtenberg, ethnologist of the Smithsonian institution Indian research division, represented that institution; Colonel E. Hofer of Salem, spoke for the white people; Mr. Chalerast represented the United States Indian service, and Ruthyn Turney spoke of the work at Chemawa Indian school. Indians are quick to adopt the latest; they ride in canoes and automobiles; they dance the feather dances and the one-step; they sing chants and the roles from Faust. One gen-

many families on the Siletz.

The exhibits, which more than 3000 persons viewed during the three days, were Indian products displayed in a modern way. From a grave was dug a basket so beautiful in design and color that Dr. Frachtenberg offered, only to be refused, \$100 for it. A woodpecker headdress, which would have bought a wife in olden times, made of ten woodpecker's bills and topknots, such as only a chief or medicine men might be privileged to wear, was displayed. Beads which the Hudson Bay company had made especially for trading with the Indians, baskets of bark, willow, maidenhair ferns, etc., woven into beautiful designs, beaded mocassins, a smokeshouse made of grass, ferns and rushes and models of Indian dugout canoes were displayed.

The Indian dresses of bullrushes and beaded ornaments were especially fine. Mrs. Minnie Lane exhibited her grandmother's, Mrs. John Adams displayed white woolen baby hose. Mrs. Alex Catfish superintended the needlework department and has the distinction of being the daughter of a squaw who is great-great-grandmother, the five generations, all full-

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GRAUSTARK AT ORPHEUM.

Picturization of George Barr McCutcheon's Famous Novel.

Four of America's most noted motion picture producers combined their efforts to produce the great film spectacle "Graustark," which will be the feature at the Orpheum tomorrow evening. And four of America's leading photoplay stars have combined their talents to make the production one of the best that Dallas has had. The leading players are Francis X. Bushman, Beverly Bayne, Thomas Commerford and Helen Dunbar. Mr. Bushman appears as Grenfall Lorry, the young American hero; Miss Bayne is the princess and Mr. Commerford and Miss Dunbar are the uncle and aunt of the heroine. The film is a picturization of George Barr McCutcheon's most popular novel. Some of the scenes are laid in New York and Washington, and some on the train from Denver to Washington, but for the most part the action is in the mythical kingdom of Graustark. It is replete with thrills, and teems with delightful romances, making an absorbing combination. The hero, Grenfall Lorry, is the type beloved by all picture play patrons. He is tall, handsome and daring, and his pursuit of the idol of his eye, though it takes him half way around the world, make a picture that you should not fail to see.

In reviewing "Graustark" James S. McQuade, the well-known critic, says: "A close analysis will reveal that the production required infinite care and constant attention to detail, in order to keep the spectator in close touch with the thread of the narrative." Liberal praise is given the actors and actresses in the cast for he says, "As closely as I could judge there was not a single jarring note to disturb the harmony and pleasure created by intelligent, artistic acting."

AUTO OWNER ASKS DAMAGES.

Drives Machine Into An Open Ditch on Uglow Avenue.

S. E. Rickards, who conducts a billiard and pool hall on Main street, appeared before the city council last night and asked damages for injury to his automobile, he having demolished a wheel by driving into an open ditch on Uglow avenue, left there by curb contractors. The council referred the matter to City Attorney Coad, who said the city was liable after the contractor, but referred the complainant to the contractors, Messrs. Holmes & Grant. It was while rounding into Uglow avenue from Washington street that the accident happened, the front left wheel dropping into the ditch, said to be about eighteen inches deep. Riding with Mr. Rickards was his 17-year-old daughter, who was thrown against the side of the car with sufficient force to cause quite painful injuries. The parties recently came to Dallas from Buell.

Other than ordering Mr. Rickli to connect his premises with the sewer, allowing several claims and accepting the waiver of Henry Clainfield for street improvement on Church street, the council transacted no other business. Alderman Knight, Westover and Card were absent. The council will convene in regular semi-monthly session next Monday evening.

New School at Zena Completed.

The new school house at Zena, in the first district, built on the site of the building that burned last year was turned over to the county directors on Friday by the contractors. The new building is 35 by 42 feet and has five rooms although there is only one classroom, and it is modern throughout. A furnace in the full concrete basement supplies heat to the rooms and hallways.

George Conkey, well-known Independence merchant, was in the city yesterday arranging to relieve the county court of considerable of its wealth at the session which opens tomorrow.

OLD SWEETHEARTS WED

DASHIELLS CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.

Christian Church Scene of Happy Gathering Last Night, Mr. Barton Z. Riggs Officiating.

Four little grey folks stood beneath a large golden bell before an audience of approximately 200 people at the Christian church last evening and heard themselves praised and eulogized. Two were Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Dashiell, (not Robert L. D'Lashmutt as given in The Observer of last Friday) the fiftieth anniversary of whose wedding their many friends were commemorating; the others were John Morris and Mrs. W. C. Campbell, who fifty years ago stood in the same manner as bridesmaid and best man at the wedding of the Dashiells. Fifty years of successful, happy married life has been the allotment of the former. What is means to have been married fifty years was evidenced by the close attention and the keen appreciation of the large audience. During the reading of a brief history and eulogy of the happy couple who have passed the half century mark together on the road of conjugal felicity, the principals were seated on the platform beneath a large golden bell. The color scheme of the decorations was gold and a rich shade of brown. Fern fronds and flowers gave life to the setting and a mass of happy faces in the audience indicated the many hearty congratulations that were extended to the celebrants. Barton Z. Riggs of Corvallis read the anniversary service and the marriage license by which Mr. and Mrs. Dashiell were united fifty years ago. Mr. Riggs, in the service, wished for the couple a continuation of their happiness, after pronouncing them well worthy for having spent so many years in success, happiness and prosperity. In his preliminary address Mr. Riggs condoned the idea of hasty marriage, and the divorce evil, saying that divorce perhaps was the right of man or woman, but that there never was justification for another start after divorce.

After the anniversary service the celebrating couple and the bridesmaid and groomsmen, preceded by Mr. Riggs and followed by a number of the thirty people who witnessed the original ceremony many years ago, formed a procession which marched to the hallway of the church. Here the couple received the good wishes and congratulations of hundreds of relatives and friends. Following this the reception was held in the church basement. Great quantities of cakes and refreshments indicated the nature of the reception.

Robert Dashiell and Orpha A. Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Campbell, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock in Salt Creek, August 30, 1865, the Rev. G. W. Richardson, a Christian minister, performing the ceremony that united them in marriage. The wedding was attended by a goodly number of neighbors and friends from this then sparsely settled section of Oregon, among those present being J. M. Campbell, T. J. Campbell, Mrs. Sarah Black, nee Campbell, Mrs. M. M. Ellis, nee D'Lashmutt, W. G. Campbell, then of Fort Yamhill, Mr. Albert Allen, a brother of Mrs. Hardy Holman, who now resides at the Dalles, John Morris and Mrs. W. C. Campbell, nee D'Lashmutt. The latter two crossed the plains with Robert Dashiell in 1860, and acted as bridesmaid and groomsmen at the wedding, and again Monday night, after fifty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dashiell resided on a farm in Salt Creek four years following their marriage, after which time they moved to Eastern Oregon and then to Eastern Washington, where the greater number of their children were born. The husband was in Spokane, Washington, when that now populous city had but two slab shanties, and it was he who hauled the first wagonload of merchandise into that place from a landing on the Columbia river, there being no railway connections at that early day. Until 1899, when the family returned to Dallas to make a permanent home, Mr. Dashiell farmed, raised stock and followed other like occupations. Being honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow men, conservative in his business enterprises and careful about making useless expenditures, Mr. Dashiell, during his long life of activity, reared a family of eight children and besides acquired sufficient means for the rainy day that comes with the ripened years. Those children who are living, and all of whom will be present on this notable occasion, are: Ernest L. of Turlock, California; George L., Herbert P., Robert F., Mrs. Clara Singery and Mrs. Elsie Herpeshiemer all of Cedonia, Washington; William C. of Cedonia, Washington; William C. of Krupp, Washington, and Homer E. of Dallas. Fifty years ago, Mr. Dashiell caused the marriage license to be issued, (Continued on last page.)